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Lightning Starts Keep Utah Firefighters Moving

Lightning storms of the past two days have resulted in at least 17 new fire starts in southern Utah and Arizona. While most of the fires were contained within very small acreages, firefighters are still working with three fires – the Jacob, Baboon, and Birthday Fires.

The Jacob Fire has burned 6,600 acres in Arizona since being reported late Friday night. Located about 50 miles north northwest of Mt. Trumbull on the Arizona Strip, the lightning-caused fire is burning in grass, sage and pinion juniper. Three structures and desert tortoise habit are threatened by the fire that is only 10 percent contained.

Burning about 26 miles southeast of Beaver, Utah, the Baboon Fire has burned more than 1,000 acres. Air attacks on the fire have reduced threats to nearby communication sites, and the fire is not considered threatening at this time.

The Birthday Fire, 35 miles west of Mount Trumbull has burned about 1,000 acres in a wilderness area, but is not now posing a threat to structures.

An update on these three fires will be provided on Sunday morning, July 2, 2006.

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